

**I. AMENDMENT**

**A. In the Specification**

At page 14, after the first paragraph, and before the heading "Detailed Description of the Invention", please insert the following paragraph:

Figure 5B shows the exon (bars) and intron (lines) structure of the mcl-1 gene (middle panel), and the alternative splicing that produces Mcl-1<sub>s/ΔTM</sub> (upper panel) or Mcl-1<sub>wt</sub> (lower panel). Numbers on lines indicate nucleotides in the indicated intron. Numbers in bars indicate exon number (1, 2, or 3) or 3' untranslated region (3' UTR). ATG indicates start codon.